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 Group Art Unit : 3677

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified patent application:

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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